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corresponding alert type in said graphic display, said alert module further configured to record said status information associated with said alerts in a storage medium.

13. An apparatus for monitoring the operational status of components in a computer, comprising:

a first computer comprising a plurality of components, said first computer configured to generate a notification regarding the status of at least one of said components, said notification comprising a first code which contains data about said component, said first code having a first data length; and

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a status module existing in a second computer, said status module configured to receive said notification unfiltered from said first computer, said status module further configured to allow a user to selectively disable or enable a future display of said notification by selecting or deselecting a corresponding notification type in a graphic display, said status module further configured to transform said notification into a user-friendly display message and automatically display the message, the message comprising a second data length, wherein said second data length is significantly greater than said first data length.

22. An apparatus for monitoring the operational status of components in a computer, comprising:

a first computer comprising a plurality of components;

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a management information base existing in a second computer, said management information base configured to associate a plurality of indexes with different operational parameters related to said components;

at least one alert, said alert providing information about a change in one of said operational parameters, said alert comprising one index of said indexes which identifies at least one of said operational parameters;

an alert module existing in said second computer, said alert module configured to receive said alert unfiltered from said first computer, said alert module further configured to allow a user to selectively disable or enable a future display of said alert by selecting or deselecting a corresponding alert type in a graphic display, said alert module further configured to access said management information base to transform said index into an automatically displayable user-friendly message.

25. An apparatus for displaying a system management user interface, comprising:
an agent computer, said agent computer comprising a plurality of components, said agent computer configured to send a plurality of unfiltered alerts to a manager computer, said alerts associated with status information of said plurality of components;
a display executing in the manager computer, said display configured to allow a user to select at least two of said alerts; and
an alert manager module executing in the manager computer, said alert manager module configured to enable or disable a future display of any combination of selected said alerts in response to a single command from the user, said single command corresponding to a selection of an alert type in a graphic display by said user.

34. An apparatus for monitoring the operational status of components in a computer, comprising:

a first and a second computer interconnected with a network, said first computer comprising a plurality of components;

a first means for associating a plurality of indexes with different operational parameters related to said components, portions of said first means existing in said second computer;

at least one alert, said alert providing information about a change in one of said operational parameters, said alert comprising one index of said indexes which identifies at least one of said operational parameters;

a second means existing in said second computer, said second means configured to receive said alert unfiltered from said first computer, said second means further configured to allow a user to selectively disable or enable a future display of said alert by selecting or deselecting a corresponding alert type in a graphic display, said second means further configured to access said first means to transform said index into an automatic user-friendly display message.